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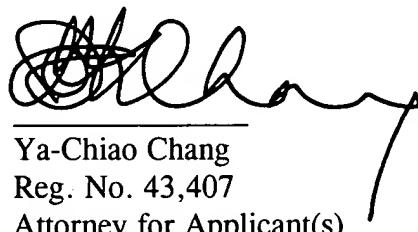
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Tummala et al., "Microelectronics Packaging Handbook", Section 6.3, pages 366-382, Van Norstrand Reinhold, New York, 1989

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